

Welcome

We are an inclusive, inquiring and involved church seeking to be a part of God’s loving transformation of the world by sharing hope, showing grace and serving our neighbors near and far.

Core Practices

INCLUSIVE

As an inclusive church, we are welcoming to all. We embrace God’s beautiful diversity in all its forms, including race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

INQUIRING

As an inquiring church, we love to ask questions. We respect the faith journey of all people and encourage exploration. We value studying the Bible, but not just the Bible. We dig deep and challenge ourselves with ideas new and old.

INVOLVED

We seek to be a part of God’s great work in the world by serving others. We look for ways to address hunger and housing issues. But we are also passionate in caring for the environment, advocating for immigrants and refugees, and seeking justice for the marginalized.

New Member Welcome

As members of Northside Drive Baptist Church, we welcome you as you join us in this adventure of faith and faithful community. We offer you our love, our history, and our hope. We value your story of faith and invite you to serve with us as stewards of God’s grace.

Connect

We want to hear from you! How can we pray for you and connect you with meaningful ministry opportunities? Scan the QR code and complete a connect card.

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The Pocket Pinnacle

Our weekly newsletter is called *The Pinnacle*. Sign up and read more at northsidedrive.org/the-pinnacle.



Poinsettias Orders | Due Today

In keeping with a long-time Northside Drive tradition, we will display poinsettias in our Sanctuary from Gaudete Sunday, December 14, through Christmas Eve. We invite everyone to donate a poinsettia in honor/memory of friends or loved ones or in thankfulness for a meaningful event or person in your life.

The cost per poinsettia is \$20, and you can participate by enclosing a check to Northside Drive Baptist Church in a special order envelope, located in the Narthex, and dropping it in an offering plate or by calling or emailing Flower Team Chair Virginia Gilbert at 770-617-1809 or gilbertva3@gmail.com. Please write “poinsettia” on the memo line of the check.

After either service on December 24, you are welcome to take your poinsettia(s) home. The deadline to order is Sunday, December 7.

*Please note that U.S. tax regulations do not allow NDBC to offer contribution credit for this purchase, because the plants are returned to the giver.

Thank you for your donations.

Flower Team

Triple E: Christmas Celebration December 9 | 11:00 AM

Come celebrate the holiday season with us! Back by popular demand, our own Hal Meeks will bring us a Yuletide collection of music and stories. We'll end with our usual sing-along. Don't miss this festive celebration with Northside Drive friends!

Please RSVP today to Barbara Atchley at atchley2005@gmail.com or 404-310-9635.

Upcoming Events | northsidedrive.org/events

Missions Team Meeting Today | 12:15 PM | Room 204

Pastor Scott’s Office Hours | December 8 | 9:00-11:00 AM | NDBC Office

Triple E: Christmas Celebration | Presented by Hal Meeks | December 9 11:00 AM | Chapel

Georgia Festival Chorus Concert | December 9 | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Wednesday Bible Study | December 10 | 10:30 AM | Room 202/Hybrid

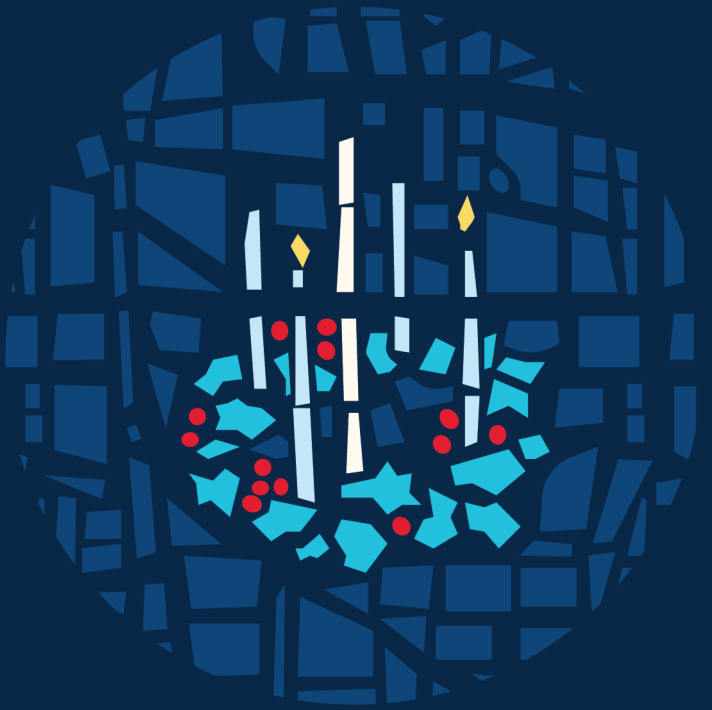
Wednesday Discussion | December 10 | 6:00 PM | Room 202/Hybrid

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | December 10 | 7:00 PM | Choir Room

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | December 13 | 10:00AM | Choir Room

Gaudete Sunday | December 14 | 11:00 AM | Sanctuary

Worship and Music Ministry Team Meeting | December 14 | 12:15 PM
Conference Room



Northside Drive Baptist Church

The Worship of God

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025 | 11:00 AM

“You shall call his name *Emmanuel*,
which means, ‘God with us.’”
- Matthew 1:23

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The Worship of God

** Please stand as you are able.
The congregation speaks the text in **bold** type.*

The Approach

“Be still and know that I am God.”

PRELUDE

I Wonder as I Wander | John Jacob Niles
Maggie Inman, Cello

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

INTROIT

Dona Nobis Pacem | DONA NOBIS

*CAROL OF PRAISE 5

Come, Thou Almighty King | ITALIAN HYMN

*SERVICE OF THE ADVENT WREATH | The Knight Family

We are a people of hope. Last Sunday the frail light of a single candle dared to pierce through the darkness of desolation and sin.

Hope lives in us and will abide with us.

Today we will light the candle of peace.

This light, too, must brave great darkness.

Peace is not merely the absence of war and conflict.

Peace is the fullness of blessing for all.

This is the peace for which we dare to hope.

The Christ comes to bring peace to those who have been separated from God and one another.

In the name of that Child born so long ago, we light the candle of peace.

In following Christ’s teachings, we nurture our hope for peace even today.

(Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace)

GATHERING | Scott Hovey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people.

We confess that we struggle to believe in your incarnation.

We struggle to heed your word each day in all that we say and do.

We struggle to see our neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children whom you have made.

In your mercy, forgive us,

for we repent of our ways.

We look to your power to heal us and raise us up

so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The reign of God has come near. You are forgiven. Be filled with hope, believing in the power of the risen Christ to bring you to new life.

We rejoice and we believe.

*SHARING OUR ANTICIPATION

Christ is coming!

Christ is coming soon!

*GLORIA | GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo,

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The Word

“Blessed are they that hear the word of the Lord.”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 11:1-10

Dan Oakley | Old Testament p. 640

MORNING PRAYER & ADVENT LORD’S PRAYER

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

hallowed be your name. Emmanuel, God with us—hallowed be your name.

In us, through us, and around us, your kingdom come where the wolf will

live with the lamb and the lion will feed with the calf. Bread of life, feed

us with your truth. For our indifference to the wonder of your coming,

forgive us. Protect us from the constant dangers and enticing temptations

we face each day. Word who became flesh and lived among us, we have

seen your glory, full of grace and truth. As You come to us now, and You

will come to us again in glory, when we will join all heaven and earth in

giving you blessing and honor and glory and might forever! Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON: ROMANS 15:4-13

Thelma Heflin | New Testament p. 163

*CAROL OF PREPARATION 136

On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry | PUER NOBIS

*GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 3:1-12

Dan Oakley | New Testament p. 2

SERMON | *Christmas Peace* | Scott Hovey

The Response

“Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only.”

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*CAROL OF DEDICATION 131

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying | WACHET AUF

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH & INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

Please place offering in plate or text NDBCGIVE to “73256”

followed by the amount.

You can also give online by scanning the QR code below.



MUSICAL OFFERING

A Great and Mighty Wonder | M. Praetorius
Sanctuary Choir

*DOXOLOGY 808 | OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (SEE INSERT)

This morning we are invited to participate in Holy Communion by standing intinction. After the choir has been served, please come forward using the center aisle. As the elements are offered, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and eat. You may return to your pew by the side aisles. Should you need the bread and the cup brought to you, notify an usher and the celebrants will be glad to serve you in your pew.

The Commission

“. . . and I will be with you always.”

*CAROL OF WITNESS 138

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Come, Redeemer of Mankind | *Johann Pachelbel*

Dan Oakley, Worship Leader

Thelma Heflin, Lay Reader

Today’s flowers are given by Mary and Jim Lester in memory of Jim’s brother, Ed Lester, whose birthday was December 8.

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